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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of December 28, 2005, the period of which to respond extends until August 28, 2006, by virtue of a Notice of Appeal filed June 28, 2006 and a Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, the applicants amend and respond to the office action as follows:

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